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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

ECKHARD KÖNIG

Serial No.:

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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A FLAT
COMMUTATOR AND A COMMUTATOR
PRODUCED ACCORDING TO THIS
METHOD

PATENT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application, as amended in the Preliminary Examination, as follows.

In the Claims

Amend claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, and 10 as follows:

3. (Amended) The process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the carrier body is divided into segment support parts (4; 104) after joining to the annular disk (54; 154), especially wherein the dividing of the annular disk (54; 154) and the dividing of the carrier body take place in one step, preferably by abrasive cutting or sawing of the combination consisting of the carrier body and the annular disk (54; 154).

4. (Amended) The process as claimed in Claim 1, wherein coating takes place selectively only on the surfaces (14; 114) of the segment support parts (4; 104).